

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on February 15, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 211, 2/9/2017; SB 226, 2/10/2017; SB 227, 2/10/2017
Executive Action: HB 232, Be Concurred In; HB 248, Be Concurred In

00:00:37 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON SB 211

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:02 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 211, Revise laws governing MUS board of regents acceptance of gifts.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:22 Robert Moore, self
00:07:55 Ali Tucker, self
00:10:20 Molly Baird, self
00:12:11 Haley Cox, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:21 Sen. Facey
00:15:52 Sen. Sands
00:16:09 Sen. Regier
00:16:54 Sen. Sands
00:17:06 Sen. Facey
00:17:48 Sen. Regier
00:18:09 Sen. Sands
00:18:35 Chair Salomon
00:22:40 Sen. Sands
00:24:10 Sen. Regier
00:25:14 Sen. Sands
00:25:52 Sen. Blasdel
00:26:20 Sen. Sands

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:59 Sen. Sands

HEARING ON SB 226

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:50 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 226, Generally revise summer school bus transportation laws.

EXHIBIT(eds33a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:05 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech-Language and Hearing Association
00:32:24 Scott Walter, East Helena Public Schools
00:34:58 Ron Whitmoyer, superintendent, East Helena Public Schools (EHPS)
00:38:45 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
00:41:01 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:42:32 Kara Sperle, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:42:55 Sen. Regier
00:43:24 Mr. Whitmoyer, EHPS
00:43:38 Sen. Regier
00:43:54 Ms. Sperle, OPI
00:44:06 Sen. Regier
00:44:11 Mr. Vogel, MTSBA
00:45:28 Sen. Facey
00:45:53 Mr. Vogel
00:46:32 Sen. Facey
00:47:16 Mr. Whitmoyer
00:47:49 Sen. Facey
00:48:07 Chair Salomon
00:48:34 Mr. Whitmoyer
00:49:16 Chair Salomon
00:50:05 Mr. Vogel
00:50:46 Sen. Facey
00:51:20 Mr. Whitmoyer
00:51:48 Chair Salomon
00:52:44 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division
00:53:26 Chair Salomon
00:53:33 Sen. Facey
00:54:48 Mr. McCracken, LSD
00:55:20 Chair Salomon
00:55:32 Mr. McCracken
00:55:58 Chair Salomon
00:56:58 Mr. Vogel
00:57:20 Sen. Facey
00:58:34 Chair Salomon
00:59:25 Mr. Vogel
00:59:42 Sen. Facey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:56 Sen. Cohenour

HEARING ON SB 227

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:01:20 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 227, Revise state school transportation reimbursement laws.

EXHIBIT(eds33a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:02:16 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

01:04:38 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana

01:05:26 Ron Whitmoyer, superintendent, East Helena Public Schools

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:06:08 Kara Sperle, Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:26 Sen. Regier

01:06:46 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division

Closing by Sponsor:

01:07:28 Sen. Cohenour

01:07:59 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 232

01:09:24 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 232 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:09:39 Sen. Facey

01:10:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those members present and voting. Sen. Blasdel will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 248

01:10:37 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 248 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those members present and voting. Sen. Boland will carry the bill.

01:11:29 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:15 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds33aad.pdf](#))